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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Mrs. J. J. Beyers Seriously Injured and May Lose Right Eye.

Friday night about eleven o'clock a dynamite explosion occurred in the home of J. J. Beyers, Lantana, that very nearly cost the life of Mrs. Beyers and greatly endangered the house by fire. The conditions are these:

Mr. Beyers has recently built a large barn on his farm and in doing so had to remove some stumps. The workman bored two holes in a large stump and put in two sticks of dynamite with the regular explosive caps. When the shot was fired they thought both sticks of dynamite were fired, but such did not prove to be the case. Mr. Beyers used one piece of the stump for a back stick to the fireplace of his residence Friday evening.

About eleven o'clock stock was heard in a field of ungathered corn and Mr. Beyers and wife arose and drove the stock out. On returning to the house Mr. Beyers at once returned to bed, but Mrs. Beyers drew near the fire. While sitting there the dynamite exploded, blowing the fire and ashes all out into the room. Mrs. Beyers was severely burned on the legs almost to the waist, both arms almost to the elbows, her right eye badly injured and the right side of her head badly burned.

The force of the explosion blew pieces of wood into the walls and ceiling and scattered fire over the room and beds and burned much of the bed-clothing badly. The fire was extinguished and the house saved, but Mrs. Beyers is in a very critical condition. Dr. Lewis thinks her chances for recovery are good, but she may lose the injured eye.

Wm. Hyder, father of Mrs. Beyers, was there, as was another man, and with their united efforts they were able to save the house.

In spite of the serious injuries Mrs. Beyers sustained, she was fortunate in a way, for had any of the pieces of wood that were driven into the ceiling and walls by the explosion hit her, she would certainly have been killed. In the light of all conditions it is inexplicable how she escaped with her life.

Mr. Beyers is an industrious and respected citizen and the unfortunate accident will be deeply regretted by all.

POSSIBLE SOURCE OF POTASH.

The Dump Heaps of Western Mines Are Rich in It But Not Now In Available State.

Following Secretary Lane's instructions to put special effort into its potash investigations, the United States Geological Survey is publishing the suggestion that a possible source of potash may exist in the tailings piled up at the concentrating mills of the big copper mines in the West.

The "porphyry" ores which are being mined by the millions of tons annually contain several times as much potash as copper, and this remains in the tailings at the mills, material already finely ground and in condition for treatment, as well as easily accessible for shipment.

This potash, however, is locked up in the form of silicate minerals, and the commercial extraction of potash from silicates has been for several years the subject of earnest study by industrial chemists.

If this problem can be solved, it would appear that a large tonnage of potash-bearing material is available in the Western States.

The significant fact regarding this possible source of potash is that in quantity it is more than adequate to meet all the needs of the country as measured by present consumption of potash.

The problem of potash extraction from this by-product of the copper industry therefore becomes an attractive one for the chemical engineer and mineral technologist.—Government Press Bulletin.

CURT FLYNN DROWNED

Lost Life While Crossing New River With Two Other Men.

Word was received here Sunday at one o'clock that Curt Flynn, son of Capt. A. L. Flynn, Lantana, was drowned the day before while crossing New River, near Onedia, Scott county, in company with two other men. The boat was either swamped or capsized and all the occupants thrown into the stream. Mr. Flynn was drowned, but the other two men made their way out.

The deceased leaves a wife and two or three little children. He was 34 years of age, was well known here and had many friends who will deeply regret the accident. The news of the accident did not reach Crossville until after noon Sunday and stated that arrangements had been made for burial there. As Capt. Flynn lives about eight miles in the country the word did not reach him until long after time to have reached the home of his son in time for the funeral. Capt. Flynn is in poor health and could not have made such a trip had there been time. After the news was received here it was impossible for any of his brothers to have reached there in time for the funeral, hence none of the relatives from here attended the burial.

The deceased had been working there for several months assisting with a railroad survey.

GOOD DEAL.

The United States paid Russia \$7,200,000 for Alaska when this country was much younger than now. The total mineral production from 1880 to 1914 was \$269,150,000. The seal fisheries acquired by that purchase have produced many millions and will continue to do so indefinitely.

PALMER-JONES.

Thursday morning at nine o'clock Mr. William Plamer and Miss Nora Jones were quietly married by Rev. L. A. Hurst in the presence of a few invited friends at the home of the brides' parents.

The bride wore a beautiful blue suit, with a lovely white Georgette crepe blouse and a becoming black hat, while her only attendant, Miss Eula Bishop, wore a dark brown suit, trimmed with black braid and fur and a black hat to match. The groomsmen were Mr. Ernest Burnett.

The bridal couple and friends attended the Thanksgiving sermon in the Congregational church in the morning and the newly wedded couple left for Nashville on the afternoon train. The bride and groom returned from Nashville on the afternoon train Sunday and a sumptuous dinner was served to a few friends at the Jones residence.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jones and is admired and respected by all who know her.

For several months she has been working as an assistant in the bank here and will continue to hold that position until spring.

The groom came here a few weeks ago as agent for a stove company and soon met Miss Jones; between them at once sprang up a strong attachment which culminated in their marriage as stated. It came as something of a surprise to their friends but hearty congratulations were not lacking because of that. Mr. Palmer has won numerous friends during his short stay here and all will join in congratulating him on his good fortune in securing for his life partner so pleasing and attractive a lady.

They will have rooms with the parents of the bride until spring, at which time it is probable they will make their home in Middle Tennessee, the former home of Mr. Palmer.

Hibernation.

The bear is one of the most curious hibernators, as it is only the female which sleeps, and then usually gives birth to cubs when she wakes. The male will not hibernate as long as food is available. The hibernation of reptiles in cold climates is complete and they will not awake except with the advent of real warm temperature or if they be brought from their lair and exposed to artificial heat.

ROAD TO THE HERBERT DOMAIN MAY BE BUILT SOON

From Crossville Down Is the Best Way and Every Condition Favors Its Construction With Convicts This Winter, If We Act

The Chronicle has recently come into possession of information that removes almost all doubt that the road from Crossville to the Herbert Domain, where the state is preparing to spend \$200,000 in building a state reformatory for boys, can and will be built this winter, if Cumberland county people will go actively to work and present the real facts to Governor Rye as to the desire our people have for the road.

Gov. Rye is in sympathy with the idea, it has been recommended by the state board of control and all the members of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway have expressed themselves as such a course being a wise one.

Practically all that is necessary is for Cumberland county to get solidly behind the movement and have it presented to Gov. Rye in the strongest possible terms by petition and a strong delegation of our leading citizens.

The road will be built by convicts and the convicts necessary for the work are now available and Gov. Rye is only waiting for congressional action by our people to give him the proper encouragement to start the work.

The distance from Crossville to Herbert Domain is 20 miles with a ridge country to traverse for more than half the distance, no mountains to go up or down and all in all it is by far the most easily constructed road from any of the proposed points that roads are expected to be built to connect with the Domain.

It is proposed that a road be built from Pikeville as well as Crossville and while the distance from Pikeville is a little shorter it will be necessary to climb the mountain. To reach Pikeville by railroad it is necessary to go around by Chattanooga and then up the valley over the N. C. & St. L. branch line that has very poor accommodations and exceedingly slow time and few trains.

The best railroad connection is via Crossville as we have good through connections and ample train accommodations and comforts. The drive from here down in the summer time would be a cool and pleasant one and the Domain could be reached much more quickly and satisfactorily than by any other route.

Because of these facts we stand in a very favorable position to get the road, and get it this winter, if our people will only manifest the proper spirit and desire for it.

A business organization should be formed by the citizens of Crossville and the county and that organization backed by every citizen of the county should go after that road by every means possible. It rests solely with the people of this county whether or not it will be built this winter. When the great value it would be to our county is considered, we feel sure there is not a citizen in the county who would not like to see it or who would not be glad to lend aid toward securing it. Let the people act and act without delay.

BLOW TO JOHN BARLEYCORN.

The anti-treating law, which went into effect in London and surrounding district last month, affects some 10,000,000 persons and will, it is said, curtail the consumption of alcoholic liquors fifty per cent. As one writer puts it, "In London it costs six months in jail and a fine of \$500 to say, 'Have one on me, old chap'"—the authorities having given notice that these penalties will be inflicted without mercy on offenders.

FROM FAR AWAY HAWAII

Some Things Judson Caperton Has Seen, Interestingly Told.

Editor Chronicle:

Having been here long enough to learn something of the islands and the people, I will write again.

Schofield is a little city of about 6000 people, soldiers and their families. No civilians are allowed to live in the post, although they live nearby. There are all kinds of amusements, such as, dancing, picture shows, baseball and football games, and a field day twice a year, at which all kinds of athletic events are staged.

At Schofield we have one brigade consisting of one regiment each of cavalry and field artillery and two regiments of infantry, one company engineers, hospital and signal corps men.

We have just returned from maneuvers on what is known as Red Hill, five miles from Honolulu. We were joined there by the troops from Fort Shafter and the coast defense forts. The position we took up commanded the city of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, the naval station. The fortifications around Honolulu are considered impregnable, mounting 14-inch rifle guns.

The climate here reminds one of September in the dear old Southland; the air is warm and balmy, the temperature running from 60 to 85 degrees the year round. There is never any frost here, so the islands are green all the year.

Tropical fruits thrive here; pineapples grow to an enormous size and it is nothing uncommon to see them as large as a ten-pound lard pail. Oranges and lemons do not grow here; coconuts grow well and bananas are plentiful, but not so large as we get in the States. Sugar cane is the principal crop. There is an abundance of wild fruits: mangoes, papaws and guavas being the principal ones.

All races under the sun are to be found here. The native is dark-skinned and resembles an Indian very much. They are a lazy race as a whole, but the half-breeds are very industrious and some of them are very wealthy.

The women are mostly not much for looks, but some of them are very beautiful, especially the Hula dancing girls. These are a great attraction to visitors, as they are not equaled in any other country.

The Hawaiian Islands are of volcanic origin and are very mountainous. The canyons and water falls are very beautiful, and the rugged scenery is among the best in the world. It is well worth a trip over here to see the island of Ohau alone, and it is not the best by any means.

I will soon make a trip to the island of Hawaii, which is about ninety miles away. This is the largest island of the group and has an active volcano. Hila is the principal city, and I am told it is more beautiful than Honolulu. When I return I will write of my trip over there.

If any of the readers of the Chronicle wish to exchange view cards with me, I will be pleased to do so.

I have been transferred to the machine gun corps and like it fine. We use the new Springfield automatic machine rifle, which is a lighter gun than the old Maxim, and I am trying to qualify for gun pointer the first year.

With best wishes to the editor and readers of the Chronicle, I am

Very respectfully,

Judson Caperton,
Machine Gun Company,
First Infantry,
Schofield Barracks,
Honolulu, H. T.

WOMAN'S COURT.

California has a court composed entirely of women. This is probably the first of its kind in the United States. The cases which this court will consider will be those affecting children.

The judge, the clerk, the bailiff and the reporter are all women. It seems so very reasonable that the misdemeanors of children should be the special province of a woman's court. It is generally recognized that children are the natural care of women and an over-fathered court is worse possibly than an over-fathered home.

EDITOR AND WIFE CELEBRATE

Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary and Are Remembered by Many Friends.

The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of the editor and wife was observed Monday afternoon. They were married in Denver, Colorado, November 29, 1890, but have lived here most of the time since their marriage. They have five children, three girls and two boys.

Cards were sent out about two weeks ago announcing the coming event and when the day arrived between seventy-five and one hundred friends came to the Bishop home to extend congratulations. Many beautiful and useful gifts of silver were received.

The room in which the guests were received was decorated with white wedding bells and garlands of evergreen entwined with silver tinsel. The decorations harmonized throughout, and the shades were drawn and the rooms illuminated with the soft glow of light from candles shaded by green and silver shades.

In the next room Misses Mary Loshbough and Mary Bishop presided at the punch bowl. In the dining room the serving table was presided over by Misses Fannie DeGolia, Bessie Potter and Mrs. L. W. Martin. A buffet luncheon was served, consisting of salad, sandwiches, pickles, olives, coffee and mints.

The guests were then ushered into the living room, where the many beautiful gifts were displayed on tables, presided over by Mrs. Lelah DeGolia. Much admiration was expressed by the guests at the beautiful array.

Miss Eula Bishop received the guests at the door and ushered them into the reception room. Those who assisted in receiving were Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cline and Mrs. Josie Pearson.

All who called extended hearty congratulations and good wishes and all in all it was so joyous an occasion that the editor and wife will always remember it as one of the brightest spots of their wedded life.

To the kind friends who greeted Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, we have no words capable of expressing half we would like to say and can only add that it gave us so much broader vision of the kindness and good will they entertained for us that we shall always understand better how valuable good friends and neighbors are.

DEAL IS CLOSED

Capt. T. F. Peck Soon to Become a Resident of Our County.

The deal that has been pending for some weeks, whereby Capt. T. F. Peck, ex-Commissioner of Agriculture, was to acquire 1000 acres of land near Crossville, has been closed.

Capt. Peck was here last week and again Monday looking to details relative to beginning development work by the first of the year.

Capt. Peck has stated that he hopes to become a permanent resident here within a few months. He has quite extensive plans for the development of his property and we shall be able, a little later, to give to Chronicle readers some very interesting details touching his plans.

The benefits this county will derive from the location of Capt. Peck here and the developments he will make, can hardly be over estimated.

ELECTION NOTICE.

An election will be held in the court house at Crossville, Tennessee, on the 15th day of December, 1915, under the provisions of the general election law, commonly known as the Dorch law, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, four Aldermen, a member of the Board of Education, all for the municipality of Crossville, Tennessee.

The following officers will hold the election:

Officer: H. R. Webb.
Judges: J. S. Garrison,
E. B. Jones,
M. C. Dunbar.
Clerks: B. L. Wheeler,
U. S. Kose.

By order of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, this Nov. 30, 1915.

J. B. Johnson, Mayor.
O. B. Rector, Recorder.